Allocation of power to Gujarat

1439. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat faces heavy peaking power shortage;

(b) if so, why the unallocated quote of Central generating stations has been diverted to other States; and

(c) by when will the same be restored?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) During the year 2006-07 (April, 06 to Feb., 07) the peaking shortage in the State of Gujarat varied between 7.4% to 30.6%.

(b) the allocation of power from unallocated quota of Central Generating Stations (CGSs) in Western Region (WR) was revised in February, 2006 and power was allocated to more deficit States/Union Territories in the Region by reducing the allocation of relatively comfortable States *i.e.* Gujarat &Goa.

(c) Keeping in view the request of Gujarat for allocation of additional power and relative power supply position of WR constituents, the allocation to Gujarat out of unallocated quota of Central Sector Generating Stations (CGSs) in Western Region (WR) was enhanced by 55 MW in January, 2007. The 15% unallocated power in CGSs kept at the disposal of the Government is reviewed from time to time keeping in view the relative power supply position of constituents and nature of their requirement.

Power supply agreement with neighbouring countries

1440. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has stepped up efforts to implement its bilateral cooperation deals with Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka in order to overcome power shortages across the country;

(b) if so, whether no substantial progress has, so far been achieved regarding cooperation with Bangladesh and Pakistan;